

The UH Small-Satellite Program

A Vision of Becoming the World's First University to Design, Fabricate, Launch, and Control Small Satellites

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Small Satellites





Crawl → Walk → Run → Fly



BalloonSat



CubeSat (1 kg)



Nanosat (10 kg) Microsat (100 kg)

Suborbital

A few weeks

High School

Low-Earth orbit

1 year

Undergraduate

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1-2 years



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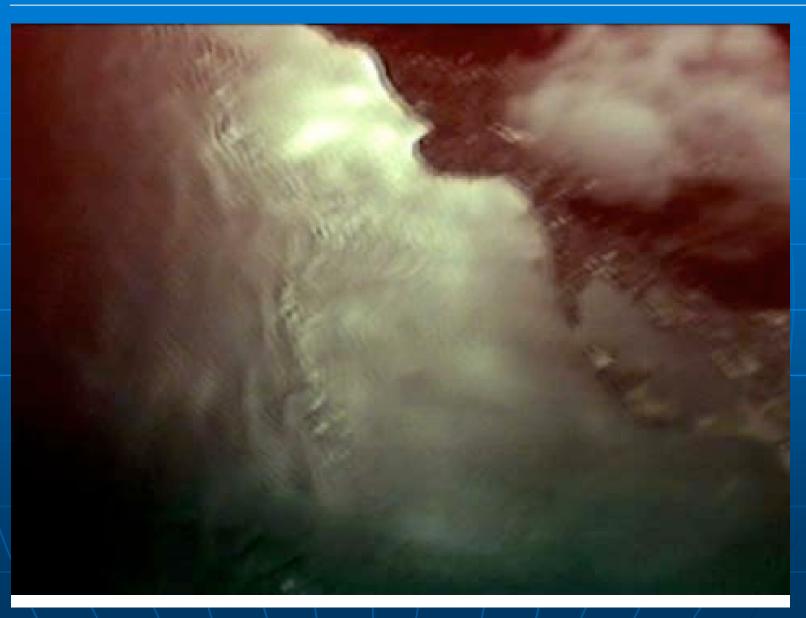


Participating High School Juniors

- Mililani
- Waipahu
- Kalani
- Iolani
- Mid Pac
- Kamehameha



Hawaii Kai BalloonSat Launch – July 2008





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BalloonSat - 100,000 feet









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CubeSat Projects

2002

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2004

2005

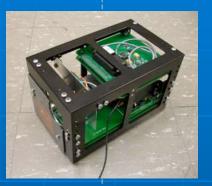
2006

2007

2008



Mea Huaka`i (Voyager)



Ho`okele (Way Finder)



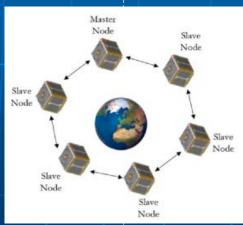
Kumu a`o (Source of Learning)

Program Sponsors





Hokulua (Twin Stars)



Ho`okia`i (Watchman)



Student Outcomes

- 150 students trained since 2001
- 8 in PhD programs, > 20 in MS programs
- Current team composed of 50% Native Hawaiians
- Three of our students recognized as Most Outstanding EE Student in the Nation (EE National Honor Society Award) in 2001, 2003, 2005. Honorable mention in 2007. All four from Oahu or Maui public high schools.
- 1 patent awarded
- \$500,000 in funding, including student-solicited proposals
- > 20 undergraduate publications
- Northrop Grumman, Boeing, Raytheon, Lockheed Martin, Oceanit, SPAWAR, ...







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Launching Small Satellites



Video courtesy of One Stop Satellite Solutions, Ogden, UT



Workforce Development



Justin Akagi

- Kailua 2001, UH BS 2005, UH MS 2008
- Secured over \$500K in funding for UH
- Student Lead, UH Small-Sat Program

Aaron Ohta

- Kalani 1999, UH BS 2003, UCLA MS 2004, Berkeley PhD 2008
- Most Outstanding EE Student in the Nation, 2003
- Will join UH engineering faculty in 2009

Blaine Murakami

- Mililani 2001, UH BS 2005
- Most Outstanding EE Student in the Nation, 2005
- Co-founder, Pipeline Communications and Tech.

Jason Akagi

- Kailua 1999, UH BS 2003
- NovaSol, Archinoetics, HSFL
- Leads UH BalloonSat Program